

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)  
DIGEST OF SENATE MEETING 3/2012  
HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER**

**Chancellor's Report**

Mr Exell was Chair for the meeting due to the Chancellor's absence. He commended the supplementary annual reports which indicated the breadth of activity across the University.

**Vice-Chancellor's Report**

The Vice-Chancellor's report covered the following matters:

- Artwork for the University *Coat of Arms*;
- Collaborative Research Networks Program grant for \$7.9 million on *Building Collaborative Research with Specific Focus on Cardiovascular Health*. This grant is in partnership with the University of Melbourne, St Vincent's Health and the O'Brien Institute. The award is a significant accolade for ACU and its partners and is a reflection of the high quality research in which ACU is engaged;
- The University will host the International Federation of Catholic Universities, General Assembly in 2015 in Melbourne;
- Appointment of Mr David Craig as acting Pro Vice-Chancellor, Canberra Project. Mr Craig will report to the Vice-Chancellor.
- Upcoming address to the National Press Club on 3 October on *Recent issues in Higher Education*. A new publication regarding *education access and quality* will be produced to coincide with the address.

**Senate approvals**

Senate approved the following:

- Proposal to name a lecture theatre in the Daniel Mannix Building after Mother Philippa Brazill;
- In accordance with Statute 2.6 a new faculty in the discipline of law named the "Faculty of Law" be established;
- Re-appointment of the following members to Senate Committees to 30 June 2014

***Audit and Risk Committee***

Mr John Carroll (Chair) (NSW)  
Mr Stephen Elder (VIC)  
Ms Moira Najdecki (ACT)  
Mr David O'Connor AM (NSW).

***Standing and Finance Committee***

Ms Moira Najdecki (ACT)  
Mr David O'Connor AM (NSW)  
Ms Margaret Vider (QLD)  
Mr Stephen Elder (VIC)  
Professor James McLaren (academic staff member).

***Honorary Awards Committee***

Chancellor (*ex-officio*) (Chair)  
Vice-Chancellor (*ex-officio*)  
Mr David O'Connor AM (NSW)  
Ms Bernadette Steele (VIC)  
Professor Margot Hillel AM (academic staff member).

- Awarded the title of Adjunct Professor for a period of three years to: Mr Francis Sullivan; and Dr Michael Jelinek.

- Awarded the title of Honorary Professor for a period of three years to: Emeritus Professor Sharman Pretty; Professor Anthony Weston; Dr Diana Boswell MAPS; Professor Claude Romano; Professor Brian Johnstone CSSR; and Professor Emeritus Miklos Vetö.
- Renewed the title of Honorary Professor for a period of three years to: Professor Barbara Bowers and Professor Edward Duyker OAM.
- amendments to the Clause 8.1.1 and 8.12 - Election of Student Senator;
- amendments to Statute 9 – Student Associations, Election of Student Member of Senate and Other Student Organisations; and
- amendments to Constitution, Student Association of ACU.

### **Course Proposals**

Senate approved the following course proposal:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Psychology for implementation at the Brisbane campus from Semester 1, 2013.

### **Reports**

Senate received and noted the following reports:

- Presentation by Professor Glyn Davis, Chair of Universities Australia on '*Strategic Directions in Higher Education*'
- ACU Risk Management;
- Standing & Finance Committee meeting of 7 August;
- Academic Board meeting of 15 August;
- Ceremonial and Protocols Committee meeting of 28 August;
- Identity and Mission Committee meeting of 28 August;
- Queensland Chapter Reports of 29 May and 21 August;
- 2011 St Vincent's Centre for Nursing Research Annual Report;
- 2011 Cardiovascular Research Centre Annual Report;
- 2011 National Centre for Clinical Outcomes Research Centre Annual Report;
- 2011 Faculty of Business Annual Report; and
- 2011 Faculty of Education Annual Report.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Senate will be on 22 November 2012 at North Sydney.

### **John Cameron**

Chief Operating Officer  
14 September 2012